

Dear Student,

READ! Discover the world. Exercise your brain as well as your body. To help you find interesting things to do and to think about, here are some fun activities for June, July and August. Complete the ***Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World*** activities for each day this summer.

Can you reach the top book? Color a book on the ladder of books each time you finish reading a book. Plan quiet times to spend with your new friends who are waiting for you under the covers of books.

Involve your family, relatives and friends in the ***Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World*** activities. Complete all the activities for June, July and August. Write about a favorite book or story you read this summer on the *My Favorite Book or Story* page. Fill in the form on the last page of the Family Reading activities. Send the form to me. I will sign you up as a *Reader Club* member and send you a surprise.

Be a *Reader Club* member. Enjoy a reading and writing summer adventure.

Your friend,

*Linda McCulloch*

Superintendent  
Office of Public Instruction



# June

## Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World

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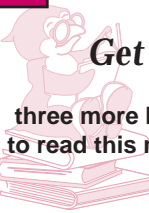
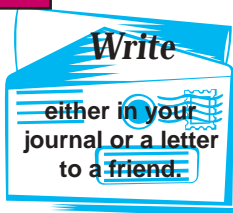
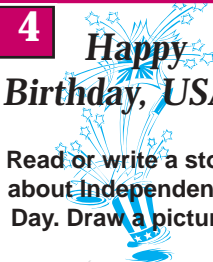

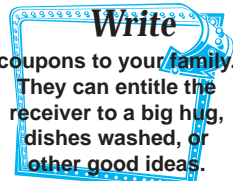

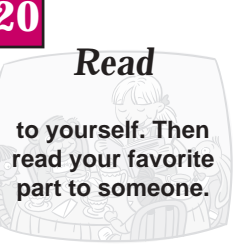

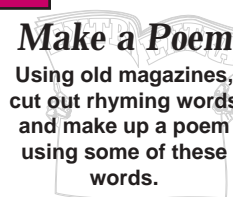
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<b>1</b> <b>Read</b> three or more books this month. Go to the library or a bookshelf and pick out three books. Begin today!	<b>2</b> <b>Make</b> your own June calendar.	<b>3</b> <b>Start</b> a summer reading list; write it down.	<b>4</b> <b>Start</b> keeping a journal or diary this summer. Remember it is private.	<b>5</b> <b>Raise a</b> peanut, bean or sunflower from a seed. Record growth measurements weekly.	<b>6</b> <b>With family</b> or friends write all the words that make you think of summer.	<b>7</b> <b>Sweet Dreams</b> Read at bedtime for 20 minutes. Remember to write in your journal.
<b>8</b> <b>Ask</b> someone to read to you.	<b>9</b> <b>Family History</b> Start a family history scrapbook. Use family stories and information about family members.	<b>10</b> <b>Family Stories</b> Have a family member tell a family story. Write it down. Put it in your family history book.	<b>11</b> <b>Rhyming Words</b> Cut rhyming words out of a magazine or newspaper.	<b>12</b> <b>Hide</b> a toy for someone to find. Draw a map.	<b>13</b> <b>Bicycle</b> Make a license plate for your bicycle.	<b>14</b> <b>What is</b> special about this day? Make a list of the places where you see the United States flag displayed. Attend a flag ceremony in your area.
<b>15</b> <b>Make</b> a Father's Day card.	<b>16</b> <b>Turn</b> a box into something special.	<b>17</b> <b>Healthy Foods</b> Cut pictures of healthy foods out of a magazine.	<b>18</b> <b>Food Pyramid</b> Look at a cereal box. Make a food pyramid with the pictures you cut out.	<b>19</b> <b>Grocery Shopping</b> Help write the shopping list.	<b>20</b> <b>Shopping List</b> Look through the newspaper to find the prices for the items on the list. Write the prices on the list.	<b>21</b> <b>Clip</b> food coupons from the newspaper for your grocery shopping trips. Put the coupons into categories.
<b>22</b> <b>Write</b> someone a letter and mail it.	<b>23</b> <b>Words</b> Look at a magazine or newspaper and cut out the: longest word, funniest word, saddest word, smallest word.	<b>24</b> <b>Me Story</b> Write a story with you as the main character. Share your story.	<b>25</b> <b>Riddles</b> Read a riddle or joke book. Share it with someone.	<b>26</b> <b>Get your</b> cut-up cartoon strips and see if you can put them back in order.	<b>27</b> <b>Listening Walk</b> Take a "Listening Walk." Make a list of the sounds you heard.	<b>28</b> <b>Have</b> a picnic and read a good book.
<b>29</b> <b>Read! Read! Read!</b> Then read your favorite part aloud to someone.	<b>30</b> <b>Hike</b> Go for a hike. Keep your eyes and ears open. When you get home make a list of all the things you remember seeing and hearing.	<b>Climb the ladder of books this summer.</b> <b>Read 20 minutes every day.</b> <b>Set a goal to read three or more books each month.</b>				



# July

## Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Discover the world through reading.</b>		<b>1</b>  <b>Get</b> three more books to read this month.	<b>2</b> <b>Words! Words!</b> Look in magazines or newspapers. Circle all hot words with <u>red</u> and all cold words with <u>blue</u> .	<b>3</b>  <b>Write</b> either in your journal or a letter to a friend.	<b>4</b> <b>Happy Birthday, USA!</b>  Read or write a story about Independence Day. Draw a picture.	<b>5</b>  <b>Make a list</b> of your favorite foods. Put them in alphabetical order. Name five things on your list without looking.
<b>6</b>  <b>TV Blackout</b> Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play a game with your family.	<b>7</b>  <b>Make a chart</b> and keep track of the temperature every day this month.	<b>8</b>  <b>Write</b> coupons to your family. They can entitle the receiver to a big hug, dishes washed, or other good ideas.	<b>9</b> <b>Jump into Reading</b> Find something interesting in the newspaper. Read it to someone.	<b>10</b> <b>Make a book</b> for someone special. Draw pictures showing what you like about this person. Write down what the pictures are about. Share it with the special person.	<b>11</b> <b>S.U.T.A.R.D.</b> Sit Under a Tree and Read Day. Remember to write in your journal or diary.	<b>12</b>  <b>Plan to visit</b> your library or bookstore this very weekend.
<b>13</b>  <b>Plan</b> a family reading time today!	<b>14</b>  <b>Puppets</b> Make real or make-believe animal or bird puppets from a paper bag, old sock or a stick.	<b>15</b> <b>Write a story</b> about your puppet.	<b>16</b> <b>ABCs</b>  Cut big alphabet letters from magazines. Paste at least one of each letter on separate pages to make an alphabet book.	<b>17</b> <b>Sports' Alphabet</b> Find pictures or words about sports or games to go with the alphabet pages you made yesterday.	<b>18</b>  <b>Summertime</b> Plan some summer fun together. Talk about places you'd like to go and things you'd like to do.	<b>19</b>  <b>Surprise Someone!</b> Clean your room!
<b>20</b>  <b>Read</b> to yourself. Then read your favorite part to someone.	<b>21</b>  <b>One-minute Dash</b> How many words can you read correctly in one minute? Have someone time you. Count the total number of words you read. Keep a chart for each week in July and August.	<b>22</b>  <b>Sing . . .</b> "Whole World in His Hands." Make up and write a new verse for the song. Share it with someone.	<b>23</b> <b>Think about</b> where you go as you read each story or book. As you read each one, write down the places it takes you.	<b>24</b> <b>Find out</b> what your last name means. (Romero—Spanish—one who travels; MacAdam—Scottish—son of Adam; Mason—bricklayer; Bruno—[nickname]—Italian—Brown.)	<b>25</b>  <b>Find the place</b> on a map where your surname started. <b>READ</b> something about that place or country.	<b>26</b>  <b>Cookies</b> Help make cookies by reading the recipe.
<b>27</b>  <b>Reading is Cool Day</b> Wear sunglasses and cool attire. <b>READ!!</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Have someone</b> you know write their name in another language. Compare the way the names are written to English.	<b>29</b>  <b>Develop</b> a family crest.	<b>30</b> <b>Have someone</b> in your family or a neighbor share folk tales from their ethnic background.	<b>31</b>  <b>Make a Poem</b> Using old magazines, cut out rhyming words and make up a poem using some of these words.	<b>How many minutes did you spend reading this month?</b> _____ minutes	



# August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>• Family Tree •</p> <p>Plan a family tree using names, places and dates. Draw a tree or use the one provided for you. Put your name on the trunk with your brothers' and sisters' under your name. Put your mother's name on one limb and your father's on the other. Draw branches on each limb for other family members. Abbreviate the month of birth and correctly punctuate the day and the year. Abbreviate the state where each person was born.</p>					<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Make a list</b> of your favorite foods. Put them in alphabetical order. Name five things from your list without looking.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Share . . .</b> something you read in the newspaper with your family.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Game</b> Take turns saying a word. You must begin your word with the last letter in your friend's word and vice versa.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Give Yourself a Treat</b> Ask someone to read to you. Remember to write in your journal.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Read</b> the TV Guide before you watch TV</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Healthy Mobile</b> Cut pictures of healthy foods out of magazines. Glue the pictures on paper plates. Make a mobile by hanging the plates with yarn to a clothes hanger.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>The Moose Cafe</b> Make up a menu for an imaginary restaurant such as the Moose Cafe or Black Bear Bistro. Use creative descriptions.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Paint</b> a picture. Write a story about your picture.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Reading picnic</b> under the stars. Take a blanket, some popcorn, or other treat, a flashlight, a favorite storybook. When you finish your story, find pictures stars make in the sky.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Think</b> of all the things you want to do tomorrow. Make a schedule showing what time you think each activity will begin.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Keep track</b> of everything you do today and when you do it. Compare it with the chart you made yesterday.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Create</b> a treasure out of trash. Watch for things to renew and reuse: paper products, discarded toys, empty boxes; make gifts, pictures, jewelry, etc.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Secret Code</b> Write a message to someone in secret code.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>READ</b> a riddle or joke to someone.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Close your eyes</b> and think some green thoughts. Draw some pictures and label them or make a list of green words.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Find</b> a recipe in the newspaper. Have an adult help you make it as a special surprise for the evening meal.</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Read</b> your favorite story to a special someone.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Count the days</b> before school starts. Make a list of things you need to do to get ready for school.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Write</b> a poem. Start each line of your poem with the letter on each line: S U M M E R</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Read around</b> the world. Read a story from another country.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Take a Book Trip</b> Make a list of countries or places you would like to learn about.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Write a story</b> about someone on your family tree. Put it in your family history book.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>SMILE!</b> Have a good book day!</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Read</b> with a friend for 15 minutes.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Design</b> a book jacket for your favorite book.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Pretend</b> you have \$75 to spend on school clothes. Look in a catalog or newspaper. Make a list. Were you a good shopper?</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Book a Trip</b> Choose your favorite place around the world. Read a story or book about the place.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Give yourself</b> a treat. Ask someone to read to you. Remember to write in your journal.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Be a Reader</b> How many books did you read this summer? Share with someone.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Share</b> your family history book with your family. Read the stories in your book.</p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Draw</b> a map from your home to school.</p>						

# My Favorite Book or Story

**By:**\_\_\_\_\_

Write about a book or story you've read.

Write it in the space above.

I hope you enjoyed the Climb the  
Ladder of Books: Discover the  
World activities.

Remember to read at least 20 minutes every day.

Visit your library.



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# Be a Reader Club Member!

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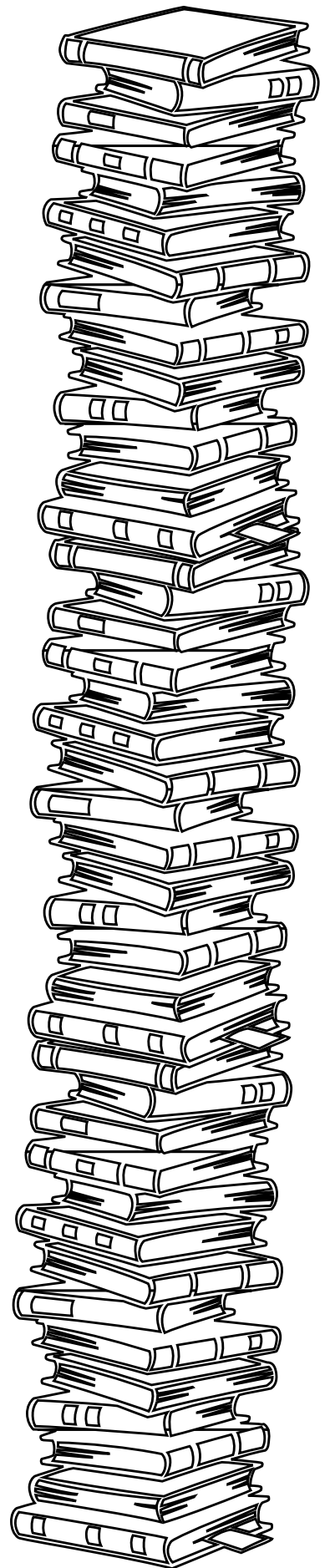


Climb the ladder of books  
by August 31, 2003.

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When you finish reading a book,  
color in one of these books!

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# Reader Club

## Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How many books did you read this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite book? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enjoy the Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World activities this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive a reading calendar next summer? \_\_\_\_\_

***Have a parent or guardian sign this part.***

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*Student's Name*

Completed all the Climb the Ladder of Books: Discover the World summer activities.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

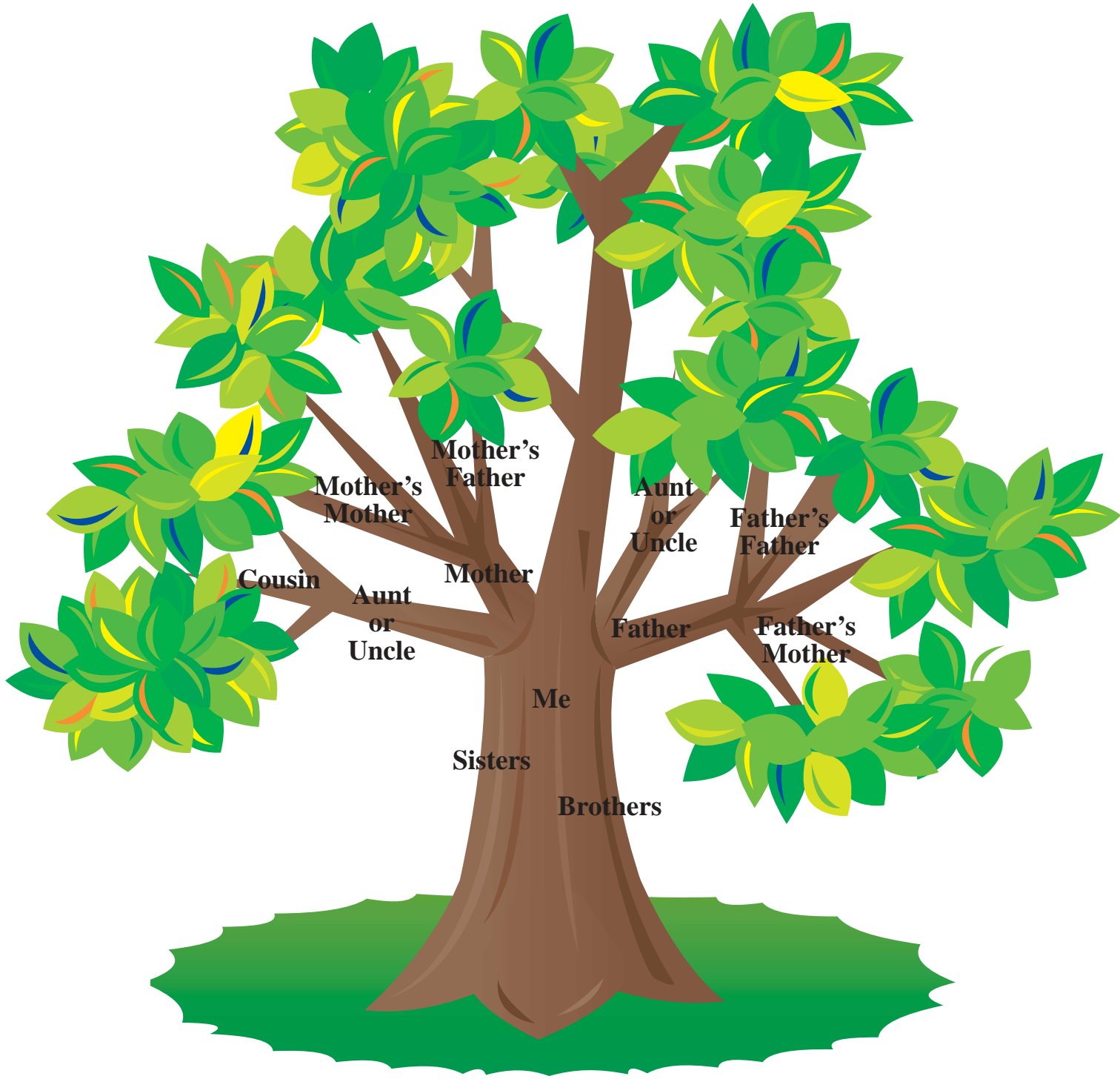
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*Remember to read at least 20 minutes each day!*

# My Family Tree



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